



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
AND PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE
DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN**

**FUTURE AMTRAK OAKLAND MAINTENANCE FACILITY
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA**

The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is requesting public comment on the Draft Remedial Action Workplan (draft RAW) for the future Amtrak Oakland Maintenance Facility site (Site). The Site is about 18 acres and is located at the southwest corner of 3rd and Union Streets in Oakland, California. Environmental investigations conducted at the Site have found that select areas of soil are contaminated with low levels of chemicals and metals. These areas will be cleaned up and/or contained prior to the construction of the new Amtrak Oakland Maintenance Facility.

The draft RAW identifies and evaluates various methods to clean up the Site and proposes a preferred alternative. The preferred alternative recommends that certain soils contaminated with low levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) be excavated and disposed of at an approved disposal facility, that a protective barrier be maintained over a portion of the Site, that groundwater and Site conditions be monitored during the construction of the Amtrak Maintenance Facility, and that upon project completion long-term groundwater monitoring be performed. A deed restriction will be placed on the property to ensure that it is used only for commercial and industrial uses. As provided for in state and federal law, DTSC is also proposing a Notice of Exemption for the Site under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PUBLIC MEETING

DTSC will be holding a public meeting to provide interested community members with an overview of the project, answer questions, and receive public comments.

Date: January 16, 2002

Open House: 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Public Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

**Location: Jubilee West – The Annex Room
1485 8th Street, Oakland, CA**

Copies of the draft RAW, the CEQA document, and other related technical reports are available for public review at the information repositories listed below.

City of Oakland Public Library
West Oakland Branch
1801 Adeline Street
Oakland, CA 94607
(510) 238-7352

DTSC
Berkeley Office
700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200
Berkeley, CA 94704
(510) 540-3800
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Call for an appointment

The public is invited to comment on the draft RAW during a 45-day public comment period which begins on December 13, 2001 and ends on January 25, 2002. All public comments will be carefully considered in making the final decision for the Site. All those who comment will be notified of the decision and their comments will be responded to. Written comments must be postmarked by January 25, 2002. Mail comments to:

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If you would like to discuss this project with a DTSC representative, please call Rachelle Maricq, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (510) 540-3910, or Lynn Nakashima, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3839.